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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: US ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS

REF: A) STATE 107258 B) GENEVA 06103

1. EMBOFF PROVIDED TALKING POINTS PAPER TO DR. EITEL
AND DR. LOESCHNER IN FOREIGN OFFICE DRAWING ON REFTEL B,
AND ASKED FOR REACTION SOME DAYS LATER.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD LITTLE REACTION TO OFFER.
LOESCHNER INDICATED THAT AFTER RECEIPT OF OUR TALKING
POINTS HE HAD COMMUNICATED THEM TO THE FRG DELEGATION
IN GENEVA, BUT AS YET HAD HAD NO SPECIFIC REPLY.

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3. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WHOLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE HAD NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY AND,
APART FROM ONE OR TWO MINOR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE IN
SECTIONS 212 AND 220 OF THE ICNT, THE FRG WAS GENERALLY
SATISFIED WITH THE PROPOSED TEXT. HE SAID HE BELIEVED
THE FRG AND THE US WERE OF THE SAME OPINION ON THE

PRIMARY ROLE OF IMCO IN RULE-MAKING ON VESSEL POLLUTION. HE ADDED THE FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OPPOSED ANY MOVE TO ALLOW WIDE-LATITUDE RULE-MAKING BY INDIVIDUAL COASTAL STATES.

4. OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS EITHER NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO TELL US MUCH ON THIS TOPIC AND THAT THE GERMANS WERE NOT CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR MAJOR CHANGES IN THIS PORTION OF THE ICNT. WE ALSO HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT ANY INITIATION FOR CHANGE WOULD BEST COME AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH THE FRG DELEGATION IN GENEVA. FOR ONE THING, LOESCHNER SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY SPECIFIC US PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES, ALTHOUGH HE FELT SURE THE FRG LOS DELEGATION HAD SEEN AND DISCUSSED THEM IN GENEVA.
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